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CALLING THE SHEEP WHO'VE GONE ASTRAY'

BY J. W. STORER
President Southern Baptist
Convention

An untold host of Baptists have moved from communities in which they were once perceivable members and have dropped out of sight. They are carried on church rolls, but carry no church responsibilities; counted when the annuals are printed, but serve no useful purpose except as padding for bragging.

Why this state of affairs. Personally, I think much of the blame for such a condition lies in the lack of depth and actual sincerity of the member's initial surrender to Christ.

And I seriously doubt that, even if we were to find such long dormant members, and get them to transfer their membership, that they will stay put, unless they have a new birth of the sense of responsibility church membership entails.

Really, I think that this is where the water hits the wheel. And that, of course, is not so much a problem of orientation as it is of indoctrination—and here we pastors should have entered the scene in the first place.

But what to do now? How to find these lost sheep of the household of faith? Just here it is obvious that if we knew where they were, (Continued On Page Two)

Mississippi Baptists Make Stewardship History In June

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Mississippi Baptists made Cooperative Program history during June when 34 churches made gifts for the first time this Convention year and Cooperative Program contributions for the month soared to \$102,979.88.

These 34 churches scattered over 27 associations, bring to 1276 the total number of churches contributing so far this year.

Several associations now lack only one, two or three contributing churches of being one hundred percent.

Four associations are already 100 per cent—Pike, George, Jackson and Walthall.

Although we are tremendously encouraged by the progress made during June, we want to point out that the need is greater than ever and the fields are white unto harvest. We must face the fact also that there are yet 428 churches in our state that have given nothing thus far this year to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

During July let this be a great challenge to every one of us to do our part in helping to lead these fine churches to have a part in our great world mission task.

July 31 will close the first nine months of this convention year.

Missionaries Tell Of God's Power

GLORIETA, N. M.—Ten Southern Baptist missionaries to the Orient, all but two of whom have served in China, and two Chinese nationals were platform guests on the Orient night program at the Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

Dr. Baker James Caughen, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board said in introducing the program: "What has happened in the Orient in these recent years is an example of God's power to turn tragedy into triumph and defeat into victory."

The missionaries who have been forced out of China have now opened new work in other areas of the Orient, Formosa, Korea, Philippine Islands, Malaya, Indonesia, and Thailand—and strengthened the work in Japan, Hong Kong, Macao, and Hawaii. Each spoke briefly of the Lord's leadership in beginning new work.

Present on the platform was the Rev. J. V. Dawes, who went out to China in 1898 and spent almost 40 years there. Dr. Caughen asked him how the Boxer Movement of (Continued On Page Two)

and the record of the gifts of all our churches will be published in the Baptist Record in August.

May we all, in the name of Christ, strive to make the best record possible.

OUR BAPTIST HERITAGE

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Early Christians were known for their simplicity, directness and sincerity. They worshipped God in spirit and truth. Ritual and liturgy were almost nonexistent. They spoke to each other in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in their hearts unto the Lord. They were convinced that while man looks upon outward appearances, God searches the heart.

The religions they knew whether Jewish or pagan were encumbered and weighed down with a complicated series of forms and ceremonies. A number of years ago, it was claimed that a tribe had been found in Australia that had no religion; however, it had a long series of ritual and ceremonies, a meaningless repetition of performances without religious content. The tribe is a degenerate people held by habit to practices whose significance has been lost. This illustrates the lurking danger in form devoid of power.

Baptists have generally reflected this apostolic spirit, affected with ritualism. Others have often substituted form for fact, shadow for substance, ritual for righteousness and liturgy for life. Some Baptists have too often substituted doctrine for duty, profession for practice, creed for character.

Our Baptist brethren have ever championed the supremacy of the Spirit. To them all things are spiritually discerned.

The Spirit begets simplicity and directness. Man must come directly and boldly to the throne of grace. The people love simplicity and genuineness. This is why the (Continued On Page Two)

Convention President Storer Evaluates 1955 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade



The above map shows the three distinct divisions, with the exception of Alaska, and the dates of each for the simultaneous revival crusade in 1955, following in the wake of "A Million More in '54."

ANTI-MISSION FRUITS

(Editor's Note: As "the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof" we give below an experience as related by Dr. T. W. Medearis, Missouri's State Mission Secretary)

Some 30 years ago one of our Baptist associations consisting of some 35 churches decided to withdraw from our state association on the score that we were sending too much money out of the country. They declared that they believed in missions, but that we should begin at home, and win everybody there to the Lord, and then work to save the heathen. They voted not to send another dime outside until they had won everybody within the (Continued On Page Two)

When David wrote verse four of Psalm 27, he stated a truth which should have its appeal to every man as he faces life with its choices; to every Christian who likewise must choose between the good and the best; to every church as it considers where to put the emphasis on the opportunities which confront it. Said he, "One Thing have I desired." To that one desire everything else was subordinated — and to the realization of that purpose all his many talents must be girded.

If any of us ever gets much out of life, we will have to get down to one thing — that is true of day by day living. And it is double true of the Christian life — concentration will make for power and production, versatility may be attractive for the moment, but it builds no greatness of character nor does it hold aloft one victorious banner.

Here too is found the chief trick of Satan in defrauding the churches. If he can get our people to do the thousand good things, and leave undone the best thing — the carrying out of the Great Commission he can rest content. Which is my prime interest in underscoring the work of evangelism and adding my plea that we shall give it the proper place in our churches.

The phenomenal growth of the Southern Baptist can mean much or little — depending on the quality and Christlikeness of its members. As our churches prepare now for the 1955 Crusade, and it is not too soon to do that, let them have the mind of David, "One thing have I desired of the Lord," in concerted purpose, and let them have no other kind of acceptance of Christ as the Savior except upon His terms, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself."

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PART OF CROWD ATTENDING PASTOR-BROTHERHOOD ASSEMBLY



The largest attendance thus far was recorded at the third annual Pastor-Brotherhood Assembly at Camp Garaywa last week. Actual registration totaled 150 with others coming in for one or more services.

The above picture was taken at noon Wednesday. A splendid program was presented, including inspirational messages, doctrinal sermons, conferences, and recreation.

Directing the conference was Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, assisted by Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Rural Church Work secretary, and W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary.

Our Baptist Heritage

(Continued From Page One) common people who follow our Lord so easily become Baptist in great numbers. The stilted and stereotyped repel the rightful constituency of Baptists. It is not so apparent at first; but someday, if we forget, we will look back and see the masses going in another direction.

CONTENTED FOR THE SACROSANCTITY OF INDIVIDUAL COMPETENCE WITH GOD

By sacrosanctity we mean that which is most sacred, irreplaceable and inviolate. By individual competence we mean that each individual can and must make his own approach to God. Others may witness, encourage and pray, but as in death, no human being can accompany or be proxy for us as we come into a personal encounter with God in Christ.

Both the idea of baptismal regeneration and infant baptism violate this sacred principle. In the Catholic Churches, Roman and Orthodox, these are Siamese-twins. In Pseudo Churches there has been an operation, severing the twins. One group has kept one twin while another group has clung to the other twin.

Voluntariness grows out of the sacrosanctity of the competence of the individual under God. There can be no coercion or force. It must be of and by the individual. No duress is permitted here. This is one reason that so much Christianity has been sheep's clothing on a pagan wolf. This type of Christianity has been a caricature which has written such a bloody, disgraceful page in history.

The great freedoms grow out of this principle. It is interesting to observe that in our Bill of Rights the first amendment which starts with separation of church and state includes freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and the right to petition the government for the redress of grievances. In the first government Baptists ever controlled, they granted complete religious liberty. This was the first time history ever witnessed such a freedom. With this, all other freedoms coupled with a keen sense of justice dominated Rhode Island.

PIONEERS IN CONCEPT

The idea of a regenerate church membership is our trophy. It requires believers' baptism. It makes the institutional idea of the church impossible.

The sovereign nature of the local church requires the non-ecclesiastical nature of our deliberative bodies such as associations, conventions and alliances. If honored and preserved, no great ecclesiastical hierarchy could develop; no totalitarian church could grow.

The general bodies can neither legislate nor form creeds for the churches. They have left that to Catholic and related groups. We have insisted on the New Testament as our only rule of faith and practice. Drs. Boyce, Mullins, Carroll, Gambrell and Truett always opposed creedal statements.

Missionaries Tell

(Continued From Page One) 1900 affected the work of missionaries and Chinese Christians.

He replied: "Hardships and difficulties which the Christian leaders went through strengthened the leaders and the churches and made them more dependent upon God."

Then Dr. Cauthen asked, "Do you think the present situation in China is one in which Christianity will be exterminated?"

Mr. Dawes replied, "Christianity will be exterminated."

Then Dr. Cauthen summed up what is happening to Christianity in China: "There are Christians who are being true to Christ under pressure. The Word of God is spreading under difficulty. There are some things a person learns in the crucible of suffering. The investment of Southern Baptists in China is permanent. The powers of darkness can never uproot Christianity."

by and alliances being made as doctrinal tests for membership

STOOD FOR THE DIVINE ORDER OF THE ORDINANCES

There is the divine order of salvation first, and then the ordinances. They are not essential to salvation, but salvation is essential to them. It would violate the absolutely divine and spiritual nature of salvation to make it depend on material symbols administered by human beings.

Baptism comes before the Lord's Supper in the divine order. Of course, it demands scriptural baptism. There are church prerequisites and personal prerequisites to the ordinances. The church must pass on confession of faith of the applicant for baptism. The church must pass on the baptism, faith and conduct of participant of the Lord's Supper. He must examine himself as to his inner motive.

To keep away from sacramentalism and institutionalism we must follow the New Testament pattern. It seems that so many who minimize baptism magnify the so called sacrament. The Lord's Supper is a communion of the body and blood of Christ. The one observing it must discern the body of Christ.

The strict observance of the ordinances in the right spirit will save us from pagan perversions and diverting emphases. It will preserve the ordinances as symbols of saving truths. The ordinances must be kept in their place in order to keep them pure.

Baptists should be humble but courageous. We are needed in this day. In this time of regimentation our irrepressible individualism is the answer. In this our of enslaving totalitarianism we will nourish the very roots of freedom. In this moment of vitalizing conformity we will dare to be different. We will not seek to press the spirit into an ecclesiastical conformity, we will release the spirit to create its own fellowship according to the New Testament pattern. In this age of lifeless formalism and modernism, we will present a dynamic and biblical essentialism.

'Calling The Sheep'

(Continued From Page One) they would probably not be inactive. If we gave ourselves with as much intensity to the search as did Jesus call to our attention in that story of the stray sheep—the ratio is much better than that of South Baptist churches—99 to 1—we would find most of them.

Yet who knows but that thousands of church members now "lost" to our churches would welcome a fresh opportunity to put on the harness if there were those who in love would tell them how they are missed.

So may I make some generalized suggestions, and assure you that I'm going to act on the suggestions myself.

1. Go over the church roll and make a list of every member who is not active.

2. Make from this a list of those out of town, and about whom, through some family-related way we might know where they have moved.

3. If possible to locate street addresses, do this.

4. Send these names to the pastor nearest this street address if you know who he is, but in the most likely event that you do not, then send it to the "Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mudville, Texas," and trust him to channel these names to the pastor who would do something about it.

5. Where the city or town is known in which the nonactive live, but no other address, send that name or names to the pastor of the First Church, and ask him if he will see what he can do.

6. There remains a list about whose whereabouts you will have

Anti-Mission Fruits

(Continued From Page One) bounds of the association to the Lord.

Twenty years later we went into that country and found it one of the most destitute in the state. Nearly all the old churches were closed, and those that were still alive were barely so. A few of them had come into the missionary fold. The whole area was destitute of spiritual life to an alarming degree. We organized some missionary churches, and got them together into an association, and are now winning back that area while at the same time, we are sending missionaries to the ends of the earth.

no knowledge, even when you have exhausted the efforts of every private eye in the church. What to do about them? I would make a

list of those whose addresses are not as of now ascertainable, for these "don't-know-where" members have a knack of coming to life, from time to time.

Whatever the method—let us do our best to correct a sad situation. If we will, Transfer Church Membership Week, September 13-20, 1953, will be so fruitful that it will cause the angels in heaven to rejoice.

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1 Corinthians 16:9

June Mission Gifts Show Increase

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of June total \$683,137, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced. This brings the total for the year to \$4,890,857, an increase of ten per cent, or \$444,423, over the same period last year.

All states show an increase in gifts through the Cooperative Program when compared with the same period last year except Alabama, New Mexico, and Tennessee.

Designated mission gifts received a total of \$189,493, for the month, which makes an increase of 18.42 per cent when compared with the same period last year.

This makes a total of \$872,630 for the month of June, and a grand total of \$1,222,703 for the first half of 1953, or an increase of 14.10 per cent over the same period last year.

Mississippi's gifts January to June total \$431,665. Of this amount \$216,688 was for Cooperative Program objects.

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Convention President

(Continued From Page One) self, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Such evangelism will score amazing victories—and will stand the test of that reproach which is sure to come upon those who, scorning any ecclesiastical hobbling, or ill-fitting ecumenical harness, obey His call for sheer love of Him who sent them out to "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." When there is obedience to that, we can claim the conditioned promise, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Southern Baptists, under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews and acting in concerted purpose, are set to a crusade for souls. I would with every urgent impulse in my being, call upon our members and the leadership of our denomination to clear the track for this special and primal work that we as channels of His grace may be used by Him to win, as the Spirit shall direct, lost men and women, boys and girls to own Jesus as Lord and Master. To that end, "One thing have I desired".

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A Great Loss

The almost sudden death of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, was a shock to all who knew him and his work. It also caused a sense of sorrow and loss.

Dr. Rankin had come up from the ranks. He was the first working missionary to be named Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

He had a double advantage as leader of Southern Baptist Foreign mission work. He had a brilliant mind and a working knowledge of foreign mission work.

In Dr. Rankin's home-going Southern Baptists have lost another strong leader.

Because he was a missionary and knew the missionaries' problems he was probably closer to the missionaries than any man who has served as mission secretary.

He made the word "advance" the motto of his work. And foreign mission work did just that. He was a tireless and sacrificial worker. Even after he had heard the death sentence, he carried on as if he were in the prime of health and without a care.

Although our Foreign Mission Board has suffered the loss of a great leader God's work goes on. Southern Baptists will press on toward the great "advance" which Dr. Rankin proposed and promoted.

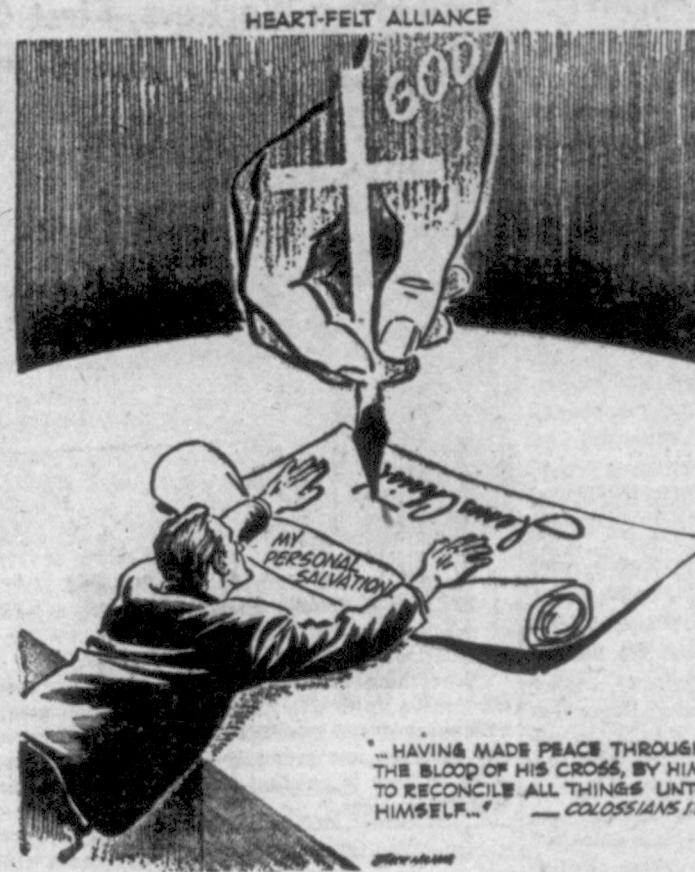
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Others Fear Unionism

Baptists do not seem to be alone in their opposition to a super-church, otherwise known as Church Union. At the recent General Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Dr. John W. Behnken in his presidential address stated that the only valid basis for church union is "genuine doctrinal unity."

He also said, "There are those who urge linking up with other church bodies in order to have strength of greater numbers. You hear the argument again and again that then there will be greater financial strength in order that you can make greater and more effective impacts on the community or on the nation or on the world. However, this can and should be done only on the basis of genuine doctrinal unity. If it is merely striving for greater numbers, and if it result in a compromise of God's truths, indifference to difficult doctrines and a weakening to sound Scriptural practice, it is sinful and God cannot be pleased with it."

Dr. Behnken may be a Lutheran but he certainly was making



a good Baptist Speech. Speaking to the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey, Dr. John A. MacKay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary and moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the USA said that "Unity in itself can never be a Christian goal." That's more good Baptist preaching.

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We Say, "Me, Too"

In most cases we frown on nominations for Baptist positions by our Baptist state papers. But there are exceptions to all rules. Here is our exception. As most of our readers know, Dr. J. M. Dawson, for fifteen years Director of the Baptist Joint Commission on Public Affairs, is retiring.

This is one of our most important positions. It requires many talents. He must be a good speaker, know Baptist doctrine, have good judgment, and be able to be heard in Washington.

Two or three other of our editors have suggested the name of Dr. Walter Pope Binns. Dr. Binns is now president of William Jewell College in Missouri. Having known and admired him since Seminary days and having watched him serve on our Committee that handles such matters, we want to add our endorsement of Dr. Binns for this important decision.

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As Others Saw It

In order that our readers may get a cross section of Southern Baptist thought concerning the recent Houston convention we continue giving the opinions as expressed by various editors.

Concerning the Committee on Relations with Other Religious

Bodies, Dr. Reuben E. Alley, editor of the "Religious Herald" of Virginia wrote:

"It is likely that by that action (the discharge of the committee) the Convention gave notice that it would not be concerned hereafter about the differences in policies which prevail among members of the churches. Other issues will arise, but for the present Southern Baptists appear to be more nearly united than they have been for the past decade."

Continuing, Dr. Allen wrote, "Leaders of Woman's Missionary Union have felt for a long time that the Royal Ambassador organization was inadequate. Yet they persevered. Faithful women deserve the everlasting gratitude of our churches, for they did a difficult job when no one else showed interest. The Convention voted against the suggestion that the program for boys be related to Boy Scouts, though it is doubtful that the action taken in Houston settled that aspect of it. If the Brotherhood assumed responsibility for the program of missionary education and recreation for boys it is probable that the Convention will be called upon for another decision at some time in the future."

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Our Readers Write

GOD BELIEVES IN MODEST DRESS

The Scripture says: "And (God) delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked; (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)

Today my soul is vexed from day

to day when I see women and girls going about the streets and public places exposing their half-nude bodies before the eyes of men and boys. Any real Christian should be vexed.

I am astonished at men of to-day who have turned their God-given privilege to be the head of their house over to their wives and children. Every man knows that it is wrong for their women to dress immodestly. They know that God tells in His Word how women should dress. "That women should adorn themselves in modest apparel with shame-facedness and sobriety, but (which becometh a woman professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim. 2:8. What has become of the modesty that women once had. Women of today can be described as they were in Jeremiah's day. He said: "They were pot at all ashamed when they committed abominations, neither did they blush." Jer. 6:15. When has any one seen a woman blush?

What is the matter with the preacher who never mentions this demoralizing sin any more? They know that nudity is of the Devil.

Jesus wore beautiful clothes; the woman said: "If I but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be healed." Matthew 9:21.

The scene on the Mount of Transfiguration gives us some idea of the way Adam was clothed when he was created in innocence and sinlessness. The Scripture tells us, His (Christ's) raiment was white as the light. —

Ladies and girls, do you know when you go about half clothed that you expose the temple of God which is your body, that you are subject to all kinds of uncomplimentary remarks, "that vulgar eyes are centered upon you. That you are liable to excite the baser desires of men?"

God will surely hold the husbands and fathers responsible for their careless way of allowing their wives and children's disregard for God's command for women to adorn themselves in modest apparel.

God also said: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all that do so are an abomination in His sight." Deuteronomy 22:5.

Husbands, I appeal to you, to take the place that God has honored you with as the head of your house and quit giving over to foolish and silly women who try to make you believe that human nature has changed and men no longer have evil thoughts. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church."

Be not fashioned to this world. Show your Christian life by modesty of dress. Rejoice in the blessings of the virtuous woman, "Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come." Prov. 31:25.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Pecan Grove Has EF Plan

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Pecan Grove Church of Jones County onto the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Billy Johnson is the pastor.

Record readers in Jones county are now listed as follows: Freedom, 6; BETHEL, 28; BETHLEHEM, 83; CALVARY, 33; COUNTY LINE, 51; ELLISVILLE, 147; FAIRFIELD, 44; Fellowship, 6; Friendship, 2; HARMONY, 133; HEBRON, 58; INDIAN SPRINGS, 32; LAUREL, FIRST, 432; LAUREL, SECOND AVENUE, 245; LAUREL, BEACON, 99; LAUREL, SOUTH, 45; LAUREL, WEST, 172; MOSELLE 46; EAST VIEW, 76; NEW HOPE 33; OVERTT, 35; PECAN GROVE, 42; PINE GROVE, 56; SANDERSVILLE, 74; SAND HILL, 36; Shelton, 18; SHARON, 79; SOSO, 108; SUMMERLAND, 54; TUCKER'S CROSSING, 23; GLADE, 104; Pleasant Ridge, 1; WEST ELLISVILLE, 70; Eastabuchie, 16; LAUREL, HIGHLAND, 124; Laurel, Joe Wheeler, 17; LAUREL, WILDWOOD, 184; Emmanuel, 18.

Prentiss

While attending a meeting of the pastors of Jeff Davis County at Prentiss we had the privilege of looking over the new building being erected by the Prentiss Baptists. It is a thing of beauty and when completed will be one of the most modern plants in the state. Naturally Dr. Green, pastor, and the Prentiss people are proud of the building.

When the new Educational Annex is completed, extensive renovation of the present building will be made.

Record readers in Jefferson Davis County are now listed as follows:

ANTIOCH, 43; Bassfield, 63; BETHANY, 43; CARSON, 59; DUBLIN, 35; EBENEZER, 29; HATHRON, 33; Hebron, 2; HAZIBAH, 56; OAK GROVE, 30; PHALTI, 56; PRENTISS, FIRST, 177; SOCIETY HILL, 62; VICTORY, 43; WHITESEND, 94.

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...Three hundred and fifty-five college and seminary students are serving as home missionaries under the Baptist Home Mission Board this summer.



For Homes, Churches, Offices



"CHRISTIAN CHARITY"

Editor's Note: Under the above head the Australian Baptist recently carried an article which we publish below in condensed form.

That is the theme chosen by the Roman hierarchy of Sydney for the Eucharistic Congress now in progress. It is a wonderful theme. It would be impossible for any human to attempt a loftier one. This world quails in fear, and millions suffer for lack of Christian charity.

But, in order to understand what is Rome's interpretation of "Christian Charity" we must put beside the parade now being put on in Sydney the attitude of this same system in Colombia, South America, a typical Roman Catholic State, where we find the bedrock in freedom and humanity displayed in the world today. Remember that Rome's claim is to be the universal church, unified and unchangeable everywhere.

We challenge you to read the following statement. It is extracted from an article in "The British Weekly" of November 6, 1952. We would hesitate to print it if it were not certified by that journal. "The British Weekly's" record of reliability in journalism cannot be questioned, and would not be by anyone knowing its reputation.

Although we are not able to give the statement in full, the extracts do not exaggerate the whole horrible story.

PERSECUTION

By WILLIAM C. EASTON

We were holding a meeting of the Young People's Society of the Evangelical Church of Mariquita, Tolima, (Colombia). Eight of us were in the chapel: my wife, Peggy Easton; my son, Lawrence, five years old; five students; and myself.

We were about half-way through the service and Gonzalo, a student, was discussing a Bible passage, when we heard heavy footsteps on the pathway to the door. We turned around to see a sergeant and three policemen of the national police enter. The sergeant walked straight up to the platform where Gonzalo stood behind the pulpit, Bible in hand. He asked what the book was, and demanded that it be handed to him.

The sergeant then asked why we were holding services. I told him that it was because there was freedom of religion in Colombia.

Just at the moment the Inspector of Traffic, Sr. Manuel Martinez, a plainclothes detective, and a civilian, Sr. Jose Martinez, walked into the sanctuary. The Inspector of Traffic asked the sergeant what should be done with three Bibles and a hymnbook he saw. The policeman replied, "They are all bad books and must be burned."

"HE WHIPPED OUT

HIS SABRE."

I explained to the sergeant that one of the Bibles was my personal property, and that he had no right to burn it. Apparently he had been waiting for some kind of resistance. He took one step backward, and told the boys so, adding, "But

Visitation Workers, First Church, Columbia



Shown above is the visitation group of First Church, Columbia, Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor. Elected by the church, Mrs. Warren Hart is Visitation Leader.

The city is divided into districts with a leader over the entire district. Each district has a number of sub-districts with a worker over each. Over all these is the Visitation Leader who is the Community Missions Chairman of the W. M. U.

Concerning this plan, Pastor Gatewood says: "With this organization we have been able to keep our census up to date, make and maintain a talent file for church members, find and do personal work with unsaved and unenlisted and do general church promotion. As assistants to the Pastor, all needs for visitation are promptly reported. In my estimation, this is the nearest to perfection in an organization to keep in constant touch with every member and prospect. It certainly is a grand job for Community Missions."

the flat edge, dealt me two hard blows on the left shoulder. My five-year-old son let out a scream.

This action of the sergeant was the signal for the others to begin. My wife, Lawrence, and the girls were ordered out, and the police went to work on us. One leaped forward and dealt me a blow on the forehead with the butt of his rifle, which knocked me back over the organ. I had no sooner regained balance than he clubbed me again just over the right ear.

As I stood dazed, wiping the blood off my face, I saw Gonzalo and Jorge, lying on their backs on the platform, trying to ward off as many blows as possible. The sergeant called a halt and ordered the police to lead us outside. They then made us lie down on the ground, and they kicked us, jumped on us, and jabbed us with rifles.

(The story continues, telling how Mr. Easton and the male students were taken to police headquarters where they were denounced as Communists, beaten with sticks and rifles, thrown into a tank of water, made to run about in their wet clothes, to drag themselves about the yard on their stomachs, to drink water from a filthy drain in the yard while the police pushed their faces into the filth, then states:)

Nothing seemed too vile for the police in their work of humiliating us. One of the police ordered us to the latrine, and singling me out, made me take handfuls of human excrement and eat it. I then had to deliver it to the three boys, and they also had to eat it. (Following this they were forced to go through performances too obscene for public print.)

Suddenly, all the policemen left us except one. He lined us up and ordered us to strip, which we did. He then got out his rifle. By this time I thought the end had come, and told the boys so, adding, "But let us remember that we are in

the hands of God, and not in the hands of these men."

He came over, cocked the rifle, and ordered us to pass into an adjoining yard. We found our feet sinking into loose chaff of threshed rice. As this chaff mounts up, it is burned off, bit by bit. Consequently, there is always lots of it smouldering. We could not see the policeman. We only knew he was on the other side of the fence with his rifle. At last he spoke, ordering us to roll ourselves over and over in the smoldering chaff.

Finally he called us back into the patio of the barracks. Still we were alone with him. His next order was for us to lie down on our stomachs and pull ourselves, as formerly, all over the place, without bending our knees. It had been bad enough to do this with our clothes on, but now naked, and with our bodies sensitive from the hot chaff, it was agony. When the order was given to dress, we rushed to it.

Having read this far, someone may raise the query, "Is it fair to associate Roman Catholicism with such bestiality?" If you understand the situation in Colombia, you know that Rome cannot be dissociated from it. The persecution that rages against Protestants is at the instigation of the Roman hierarchy. A pastoral letter from the Roman bishops, calling for an end to it, and urging "Christian Charity," would put an end to it. No doubt the influence of the Pope, if it were exerted, could move the bishops to such action.

We have in our possession the latest bulletin on Religious Persecution in Colombia, issued by the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia. It covers the period from 1st September to 31st October, 1952. This representative Christian body recently addressed an appeal to the United Nations Organization pleading for its intervention to stop the persecutions. It in-

vited the fullest investigation by that organization into the truthfulness of its reports of the persecutions.

The Bulletin records twenty-seven different occasions of persecution during the period.

It isn't a pretty story, is it? We do not like printing it, but we do so because we believe the reports to be true. The actions described are in keeping with the declared policy of Rome, that where it has the power it compels the civil authority to use persecution to suppress any form of religion but its own. Rome declares that to be its policy. Why should we be surprised to learn that where possible it is carrying it out. We are not surprised, but we are disgusted. We feel ill.

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"It has come to our attention that parents, in the past, have let their children attend nursery schools and even services at the Baptist Mission. Hence, we must warn these parents that they commit a grave sin by allowing their children to attend these. This is a grave matter, and no one can any longer say that they did not know any better. Parents who continue to send their children to the Baptist Mission on Louisiana Avenue must be denied sacramental absolution."—From the Parish Bulletins of "Our Lady of Good Counsel" (New Orleans) dated April 12, 1953.

Most churches suffer a loss in finances during the summer months. Not so at First Church, Pascagoula. According to a re-issue of the bulletin, the offerings for June have been as good as any month the church has had. Operating on an \$85,000 budget, it now looks as if the total receipts will amount to \$100,000.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Don E. Wainwright, Clinton; Bernard D. King, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Earl Floyd, Clinton; Mrs. Ruby Taylor, Jackson, Tenn.; Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Dukes, Jackson; Rev. J. Thomas Tolar, McLain; Stance L. Smith, Leakesville; Warren Thompson, Crystal Springs; Marilyn Burney, Crystal Springs; Reverend Horace Carpenter, Clinton.

In a recent survey of Oregon, made by the Oregon Council of Churches, it was discovered that churches draw their members largely from a one-mile radius; that only 8.5 per cent of the rural population attend church, while 50.9 per cent of the population of cities attend. As a result of the survey, a campaign is under way to establish more churches in the small villages and rural areas where the population is largely unchurched. The location of these churches will be largely supervised by the Oregon Council of churches.

Rev. C. S. Cadwallader Sr., of Dubach, La., did the preaching and singing for the revival at Central Baptist Church, Coldwater, June 17-26, preaching a series of sermons on "The Person, Work, and Power of the Holy Spirit." There were five additions for baptism. This is Rev. Cadwallader's second revival at Coldwater, the former being in 1950.

Chaplain Hogg says: "When I was chaplain of a penitentiary in Arkansas, out of seventeen hundred convicts I found only one who had been brought up in a home where they had an old-fashioned family altar. I heard since that he was pardoned as he was found innocent of the crime with which he was charged. There was an atmosphere in the old fashioned home, a kind of prophylaxis which made it impossible for skepticism or atheism to live there. May God give us back the old fashioned Bible, and old-fashioned parents and then the Holy Spirit will come down on your little home like the glory cloud came down and went into the Tabernacle."—The Covenant Witness.

Pickens Church is planning a revival to be held July 12-19, Rev. J. Price Brock, pastor, will do the preaching and James Hayes, music director of First Church, Durant, will direct the music.

... T. W. Medearis, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association has received the LLD degree from William Jewell College.

Rev. E. G. Evans, pastor at Benoit reports five additions by baptism and five by letter in the recent revival there. Rev. Dan Cameron of Union was the evangelist.

Rev. A. R. Vaughn has resigned the pastorate of Issaquena First Baptist Church, near Glen Allen, in order to accept the pastorate of Issaquena First Baptist Church, near Glen Allen, in order to accept the pastorate of Drakes Creek Baptist Church at Preacher-ville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and is making plans to enter the Seminary at Louisville in September.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Alvin R. Smith, Mathiston; Rev. Charlie Thompson, Aberdeen; Duane Ivey, Dossville; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilder; Martha Wilder; Betty Wilder; Rev. H. Gervard, Baxterville; Ellis A. Sylar, Greenville; E. C. Wheler, Eden; Rev. J. D. Cales, Oxford; Rev. B. B. McGee, Abbeville; Rev. E. A. Young, Oxford; Rev. James P. Gilbert, Clara; N. L. Showmaker, Jr., Waynesboro; Rev. Fay Rogers, Pontotoc; Rev. George Q. Edens, Pontotoc; J. M. McMullen, Pontotoc; A. M. Tutor, Water Valley; Hollis L. Tutor, Water Valley; S. C. Shoemake, Water Valley; Richard Pass, Water Valley; Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; Sebe Dale, Columbua; Rev. Hugh A. Brown, Pontotoc; Porter Tutor, Pontotoc; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Washburn, La Fayette, Alabama.

OLNEY, Tex.—(RNS)—An outdoor prayer service for rain had to be moved indoors here when a virtual cloudburst hit this community just before the service was scheduled to begin. More than an inch of rain had fallen and it was still coming down hard as the worshippers gathered at First Baptist Church, scuttled into the sanctuary and converted the meeting into a service of thanksgiving.

According to Religious News Service, the Rev. O. C. Caudill of Salisbury, N. C., has been appointed as Secretary of Church Architecture for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern). Southern Baptists have had such a department for many years. Mr. W. A. Harrell is the secretary.

Rev. Billy Mabry has been called as pastor of New Hope Church in Lafayette county for half-time preaching. Services are held on the first and fourth Sundays. Mr. Mabry makes his home in the Sarah community west of Senatobia.

According to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi contributed a total of \$34,230.00 during the month of June. \$24,432.00 was for objects of the Cooperative Program.

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REV. C. C. CORNELIUS

Shown above is Rev. C. C. Cornelius who has recently left Mt. Olive Church in Lauderdale County to become pastor of the Laurel Hill Church in Neshoba County.

During Mr. Cornelius' year and a half as pastor at Mt. Olive, the church received 23 additions to its membership, with 13 baptisms. A two-story annex was almost completed, the parsonage was redecorated, and a large playground was graded.

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The Hardy Baptist Church will have their summer revival July 12-19. Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of the South Side Church in Jackson, will be the visiting evangelist. Fulton McGraw, a student at Mississippi College will be in charge of the singing. Rev. R. B. Smith is pastor.

Dr. A. F. Crittenden, now pastor of Calvary Church, Enid, Oklahoma, and former pastor at Brookhaven and Indianola will be in Mississippi the last part of August and will be available for supply preaching on August 23 and 30. Anyone needing him to supply may contact him at 1231 East Broadway, Enid, Oklahoma.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—William J. Fallis, book editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will attend the International Conference of Baptist authors, Editors, and Publishers to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, July 10-16, 1953. He will be one of the main speakers of the conference. Dr. Fallis will visit Paris, missionaries in Rome, and the British Baptist Headquarters in London before returning to the states.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, will be the speaker at the dedication of the new church building at Center Grove Church, Oktibbeha county, Sunday, July 12 at 2:30 p. m. The dedication will mark the completion of the new \$15,000 structure which was begun in February of this year. Rev. Frank Crawford is the pastor.

For the Convention Board, Dr. C. E. Wilbanks is serving as chairman of the Stewardship schools October 18-25 in Panola, Lafayette, Tate, and DeSoto counties. He has made a recent trip through these counties meeting committees and talking with various pastors and officers of the associations. He has met with fine cooperation.

Washington — CHURCH AND STATE, the monthly publication of Protestants and Other Americans United (POAU), militant national organization fighting for separation of church and state in the U. S., has asserted editorially in its May issue that "the indignities suffered by American Protestant clergymen in Italy contrast sharply with the lavish hospitality and privileged treatment given in the United States to the Most Reverend Amleto G. Cicognani, an Italian national and the Pope's Apostolic Delegate to this country." POAU says that the Department of State has "invented a special category of 'diplomatic' visa. . . for the benefit of this 'influential' non-citizen. . . in spite of the fact that the United States does not have any official diplomatic relationship with the Vatican." The publication made the comments because POAU officials have noted that Archbishop Cicognani has marked the 20th anniversary of his appointment to the post here and has told reporters that he has been "pleased to spend so long a period in this country. . . (and has) never suffered—never been homesick."

Tuesday, June 30, Dr. E. M. Keebler, assistant to the President at Clarke Memorial College, and Mrs. Keebler returned from a seven weeks tour of Europe and the Holy Land. Their journey took them into 15 different nations but the most extensive itinerary was in Israel, Syria, Libya and Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. They spent 12 days in Jerusalem alone. They traveled 2600 miles in "Old Palestine". Some points of special interest were: Hebron, where Abraham was buried; Bethlehem, where our Lord was born; Bethel, where Jacob wrestled with the Lord; Samaria, where Ahab had an ivory palace; Jacob's well, where Jesus led the Samaritan woman to trust him as the Messiah; Nazareth, where our Lord lived for about 18 years; the Sea of Galilee and its wonderful cities; Damascus, where Saul was converted; the Lebanon Cedars; the Dead Sea; Jerico and the Jordan River. Other points along the trip were Cairo, Egypt; the Suez Canal; Luxor (Thebes); Memphis, Istanbul, Turkey; Athens, Greece; Rome, Italy; Zurich and Geneva, Switzerland; Paris, France; London, England (including Oxford and Stratford). The trip consisted mainly of a visit to those places which would be interesting to Bible students.

Evidently the Reed's Chapel Church in Zion Association is going strong. Last October they went from afternoon services to one-Sunday-a-month services. On last June 28 they went from fourth to half-time and services will now be held each second and fourth Sunday, mornings and nights. Rev. L. W. Estes is the pastor.



REV. MILTON E. SCOTT

Hillsboro Church, Scott County, will hold their revival July 19-24. Rev. Milton E. Scott, pastor of Rehoboth Church, Rankin County, will be the evangelist. Rev. J. C. Renfroe, pastor, Oakland Grove, Church, Jones Association, will lead the singing. Rev. Paul McDonald is the pastor.

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The Maddoxes To Make Tour Of South America

Rev. John R. Maddox, pastor of the First Church, Picayune, and Mrs. Maddox will fly from New Orleans July 13 to attend the Baptist World Youth Congress in Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Maddox is the son of Dr. L. P. Maddox and the late Mrs. Maddox who served as Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil 43 years. While in Brazil, Rev. Maddox has been scheduled to fill many engagements, preaching in Portuguese.

After attending the Congress, the couple will visit the city of Belo Horizonte where the pioneer Maddox missionary couple worked for many years and founded the Baptist school. They will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Harrington who live in the home which the elder Dr. Maddox built.

The pastor and his wife will also visit the mission work in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Uruguay, and other South American countries.

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July 5, 1953

Corinth, Tate Street	258	78
Greenwood, Calvary	325	173
Cranfield (Adams)	49	30
Darling	91	56
Friendship (Lincoln)	104	77
Petal-Harvey	259	143
Oral (Lamar)	76	64
Hattiesburg (38th Ave.)	199	117
New Albany	479	147
Mission	31	11
Newton	390	156
Horseshoe (Holmes)	50	49
Columbus, First	734	227
Charleston	287	110
Ruth	45	51
McComb, East McComb	351	143
Pascagoula, First	729	207
Main Church	563	207
Orange	42	33
Jackson Ave. Chapel	62	27
McArthur Chapel	42	
Jackson, Southside	278	139
Friendship (Jackson)	58	48
Hattiesburg, Temple	453	178
Slayden (Marshall)	79	40
McComb, Locust St.	89	56
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	141	81
Kosciusko, First	605	218
Crystal Springs, First	638	177
Biloxi, First	485	139
Pelahatchie	163	72
Zion (Pontotoc)	134	78
Meridian, 15th Ave.	447	182
Holly Bluff	124	73
De Lay	49	38
Brookhaven, First	674	257
Main Church	582	198
Southway	66	47
Halbert Heights	26	12
Laurel, Highland	159	69
Raymond	135	52
McComb, Friendship	168	92
Morton	244	104
Mission	37	
Louisville	397	127
Mt. Rose (Clarke)	86	90
Ruleville	270	125
Main Church	277	71
Calvary Mission	43	54
Clarksdale	589	97
Fair River (Lincoln)	113	76
Yazoo City, Calvary	192	143
Ita Bena, First	197	74
Jackson, Parkway	917	460
Jackson, Calvary	1200	392
Main Church	1134	323
Mission	66	69
Jackson, North Side	404	100
Jackson, Crestwood	660	424
Jackson, Highland	118	92
Jackson, Broadmoor	165	98
Clifton (Scott)	45	80
Springfield (Scott)	137	76
Jackson, First	1311	406
Main Church	1201	350
Ridgecrest Chapel	110	56
Laurel, Second Ave.	364	101
Laurel, First	458	169
Laurel, West Laurel	338	123
Laurel, Hillcrest	63	34
Hattiesburg, Main St.	756	228
Mantee	164	
Oxford, First	352	96
Oxford, North	114	99
New Prospect (Lafayette)	103	64
Yellow Leaf	78	69
Concord (Choctaw)	84	94
Brownsville, Beulah	83	104
Sand Hill (Jones)	64	39
Longview (Oktibbeha)	88	64
Calhoun City, First	318	122
Gulfport, First	773	232
Chester	68	26
Lucedale	307	151
Meridian, Poplar		
Spring Drive	345	172
Corinth, East Corinth	122	50
Hernando, First	129	67

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Letter: I am 68 years old and have been an active church member for 50 years.

I have taught a men's class in the Sunday School for years before my retirement and have served as deacon.

Now I am depressed. I feel I know this is wrong but no one seems to be able to tell me what to do. My doctor just laughs at me and tells me that I will feel better before long, but I don't. If I were a good Christian couldn't I throw this off?

Answer: I can imagine how you feel. It is not too uncommon for people your age to be depressed. You feel inadequate and worthless and even guilty.

Depression is anger at self. It comes from a severe conscience, and is a very untrustworthy feeling. No, you are probably depressed because you are a good Christian rather than the other way round. Your standards are high and now you feel guilty because you can't achieve as much as formerly.

First, don't blame yourself because you want to die. To blame yourself simply adds to your load. Second, watch yourself to see what causes you to be irritated or to feel anxious and avoid it like the measles. Be good to yourself. Third, play something. Dominoes, checkers, put jigsaw puzzles together — anything that you can do with your hands and that is pure play. Last, when you pray, pray calm prayers and know that even though God seems a million miles away, He hears every word you say and cares.

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LETTERS POURING IN
Contest Closes July 31

To any who doubt that the people read the Baptist Record, the flood of letters on the "Why I Like My Pastor" contest will quickly convince them that the Record is read. Several hundred have already been received. Dozens come daily.

Carefully read these rules and send your article.

Prizes for the best article on "Why I Like My Pastor" are \$25 for the one judged the best; \$10 for the second and \$5 for the third. The next five will receive \$1 each.

The rules are:

1. The letter must not contain more than 500 words. No article will be considered if it contains more than 500 words.

2. The name, address and church of the writer and the name of the pastor must not appear on the article but should be written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the front page of the letter. This is so that the judges will not recognize the author of the letter.

3. All letters must reach the Baptist Record or be postmarked before midnight, July 31.

Ordained To Ministry



REV. H. D. SMITH, JR.

Rev. H. D. Smith, Jr., pastor of the Doddsville and Blaine churches in Sunflower county was ordained to the ministry by his home church Schlater.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Marcus Alexander, Schlater pastor.

Others having parts on the program were: Rev. Harold Savel, Dr. David Grant, Dr. Jewel Kyza, Rev. Otis Seals, Rev. C. J. Olander, Rev. Dan Morton, Rev. R. L. Jordon, and Rev. L. E. Moon.

Rev. Mr. Smith is a Junior at Mississippi College.

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REV. B. E. PHILLIPS
DIES IN JACKSON

Rev. B. E. Phillips, a Baptist preacher for some 43 years died Monday, July 6 at his home, 2826 Donaldson Drive, after an illness of approximately 10 months. He was 70.

Mr. Phillips was retired at the time of his death. During his career he was pastor of the Pleasant Hill and Fork churches in Simpson county for 29 years and the Newhebron church for 31 and a half years.

Funeral services were held at the Bethlehem Church in Union community in Simpson county and at Newhebron church. Interment was in the Newhebron cemetery.

Born in Leake county, Phillips was a graduate of Mississippi College and attended the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

His survivors include his wife; two sons, H. B. Phillips of Bay St. Louis; Plautus L. Phillips of Jackson; four daughters, Miss LaVada Phillips of Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. T. C. McCollough of Baton Rouge, La.; Miss Inez Phillips and Mrs. James Owens, both of Jackson; two brothers, Harvey Phillips of Carthage and John Phillips of Porpales, New Mexico.

Mr. Phillips came directly to New Hebron from Southern Seminary and served as pastor there continuously until his retirement a few years ago because of age.

Feeling that the end was near, about ten days before his death he itemized some facts about his ministry which was largely in Simpson and Lawrence counties. Some of them are: 8000 sermons, 2500 baptisms, 1,000 funerals and 200,000 miles travelled.

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II. How should Journal be used?

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As program material which may be used in the following ways:

1. Devotional, and separate divisions of articles given—not read by different individuals.

2. Article or program summarized by one person, pastor or able layman, followed by round-table discussion by group

3. Leading questions prepared on article or program, written out on slips of paper to be asked by different individuals to be discussed by group. Program vice president should have the answers written out to be given when necessary.

III. What are some reasonable observations about the Journal?

1. Men who use Journals are

better informed denominational. They know more — understand more — do more.

2. They are generally more loyal to their church, pastor, and our denomination. They are more missionary.

3. The Journal is official, religious literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, and therefore deserves the same consideration from all our people as S. S., T. U., and WMU literature. If a convention church or pastor refuses to use Sunday School literature we would consider them free-lances, radicals, non-cooperators. What about those who assume that attitude toward our only official literature for our Baptist men? What are they?

4. You can develop your muscles by watching other men exercise. In conclusion, let all of us, appreciating the value of instructed, informed, and inspired man-power of our Baptist churches, seek to get the good materials of our splendid Brotherhood Journal to our men—through our men—out to a waiting world that others just as fine as the ones we have, when they are redeemed, may know the best about life here, and prepare for the best in the life hereafter.

By A. S. Newman.

P. S. Good programs will transform a Brotherhood—poor programs will chloroform a Brotherhood.

The annual revival meeting of eight days will begin at Bruce Church on July 12. The evangelist will be Rev. D. L. Hill, pastor of First Church, Corinth. Rev. Gwin Middleton, son of Rev. J. B. Middleton, pastor of Bruce Church, will have charge of the music.

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Here Are The Facts About The Foundation

BY HARRY LEE SPENCER

The Foundation was created by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November 1943, and will be ten years old in November of this year. It is administered by nine trustees elected by the Convention and is a corporation charterer under the laws of our state. The charter clothes the Foundation with the authority to receive and administer money or real estate of every sort for any Mississippi Baptist institution or cause or for any institution or cause of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The operating expense is provided by an allocation of 1 1/4 per cent of the distributable funds of the Convention. This current year is the first time this allocation has been sufficient to take care of the operating budget of the Foundation. The fact that the Convention provides the operating expense of the Foundation means that every penny of income on the invested funds goes to the institution or cause to whom the fund belongs and, also, that every penny of all gifts to endowment goes into permanent endowment; nothing is taken out for expenses.

It is encouraging to note that thus far this year we have received in gifts to all funds a total of \$131,393.15, bringing out total assets as of June 1st to \$806,658.45. This fund is invested as follows:

U. S. Government bonds \$419,470.70.

County and municipal bonds 161,000.00.

Stocks 137,579.97.

Mutual funds 36,385.27.

Mortgage loans 18,153.22.

Insurance policies 26,500.00.

Notes and pledges 7,000.00.

Cash 569.29.

Total \$806,658.45.

You will be interested to know that \$319,800 of the U. S. bonds belong to Blue Mountain College and they begin maturing in 1954 and that already plans are in the making to get this money invested in securities with a very much improved yield. Our auditor on page 10 of the annual audit last year said that our average yield on invested funds was 4.48 per cent, or \$44.80 per thousand, and on one million the income would be \$44.

800.00. We are confident that the yield for this year is going to be even better for the reason that our executive committee is continuously improving our investments.

Now for a recommendation.

We have four colleges, a school of nursing, a hospital, and an orphanage, and the endowment funds of all these are pitifully inadequate, namely:

Mississippi College \$1,062,400.87. (Should be \$4,000,000)

Blue Mountain College \$521,142.32 (Should be \$1,000,000).

Mississippi Woman's College \$429,873.04 (Should be \$1,000,000).

Clarke Memorial College \$10,220.89 (Should be \$500,000).

Mississippi Baptist Orphanage \$36,500.00.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$60,000.00.

Our Mississippi Baptist Convention has not and does not now have any plan to regularly add to these endowment funds, meaning that none of the current gifts go to endowment — only that is deducted. In the business world this would be as if a company paid out all their earnings in dividends — a thing which no growing cooperation ever does.

Other states do have such plans. Texas for years has had \$100,000 in their state budget for endowment. Louisiana since 1948 has had a convention approved plan that churches put some amount in their budgets designated to the Foundation for endowment. Their Foundation secretary, Mr. Herschel Petrus, told me recently that they had received about \$90,000 per year from that source with 400 churches participating in this plan.

Since these institutions are vital to the life of our churches, to evangelism, and to missions at home and around the world and since we desire to provide desperately needed financial security and support for them, we desire to recommend the plan of church-

KOREAN RELIEF NOW HAS NEW ADDRESS

GLORIETA, N. M. — Southern Baptists attending the Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly this week were the first ever to hear a message direct from Korea by one of their own missionaries. The speaker was Dr. N. A. Bryan, formerly of the China staff, who returned to the States only last week.

Dr. Bryan said the "uncalled-for" human suffering in Korea is one of the most terrible things in the world. Since going to Korea in 1951, he has ministered to between 500 and 600 patients per day, many of whom are refugees.

The medical service is without charge, Dr. Bryan said, because the refugees cannot pay even a small amount. Gifts of money and medicine by individuals, churches, and the Foreign Mission Board have made the work possible.

Dr. Bryan described the living conditions of the refugees in Pusan, where Baptist mission headquarters is located. Many families live in one-room shacks, eight by ten feet; and often two or three families live in one room. The people are hungry and have almost no clothing.

The missionary doctor said the number of Baptist churches has increased from 30 to 40 when the first Southern Baptist missionary returned there in April, 1951, to 130

churches putting some amount in their budgets designated to the Foundation for the endowment funds of any or all of these institutions or for any institution or cause of Mississippi Baptists or the Southern Baptist Convention.

We have designated September as "Foundation Month" in Mississippi and January as "Make Your Will Month," both to be featured and promoted throughout our state in all our churches. We, also, want to put forth a strenuous effort to bring the total assets of our Foundation to one million dollars by the time of our Convention in November.

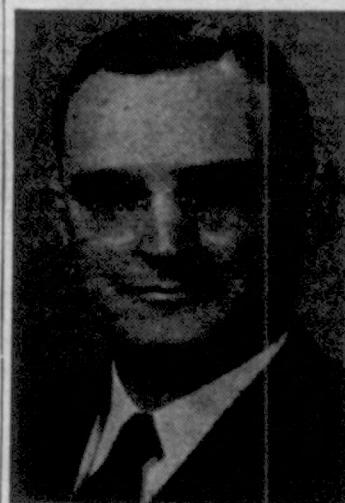
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— MUSIC DEPARTMENT —

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

STATE MUSIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL COMING

The annual Mississippi Baptist Music Leadership School will be held at Mississippi College, August 3-7. A staff of teachers unexcelled in the Southern Baptist Convention will lead in this great school.



DR. W. HINES SIMS

Dr. W. Hines Sims, executive secretary of the Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will head the staff and will have charge of the choral group. Dr. Sims is editor of the Church Musician. Much

of the materials appearing in the Church Musician are his own compositions. He is an eminent conductor. It will be a rare treat for all those who have the opportunity of being under his leadership during our leadership school.

All classes will be under professional leadership and combined with this leadership will be a very interesting program of fellowship, fun, and recreation.

It has been the custom of Mississippi College to have an outdoor reception for the entire school with the college faculty in a receiving line to shake hands and greet all those of the school. Mrs. D. M. Nelson, wife of the president, plans and leads this reception.

The Church Music Department urges all choir directors, song leaders, organists, pianists, pastors, and music lovers to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity. More music leaders should attend, as the very best music leadership in our convention is to be with us during this session.

Registrations are being received in the music office in every mail. Those desiring to register may secure registration blanks from the Music Office upon request. Don't Miss This Opportunity!

at the present time. These churches baptized 1,128 people last year.

In his church in Pusan, organized in June, 1951, Dr. Bryan said there are 400 to 500 people in Sunday School each week. Hardly a Sunday passes without professions of faith. "Give the Korean people a house and they'll soon have a church," he said.

Dr. Bryan urged Southern Baptists to get the correct address on packages sent to Korea. The address is now Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 35, Pusan, Korea. Packages should also have the name of Rev. John A. Abernathy or Dr. A. W. Yocom.

Dr. Bryan stressed the fact that packages should not be sent through APO. Military authorities have been courteous enough to permit Southern Baptist missionaries to get their letter mail through APO; but it is embarrassing to the missionaries to have packages coming that way.

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If you, like so many people of the world, are facing a number of the big and little problems of daily living—problems of despondency, fear of the unknown, sin, persecution, the monotony of the routine—then Jack Finegan's book entitled *Clear of the Brooding Cloud* will help you by pointing out the

Bible truths that will help you to rise above the clouds of doubt and trouble to the heights of Christian happiness. The author is a teacher, preacher, mountain climber, licensed pilot, rodeo rider, archaeologist, and amateur home builder. His book, which will be of especial help to ministers, may be ordered for \$2.50 from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.



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Standard Units, January-March

Tutwiler Church, Tallahatchie Association "Bee Hive" Junior Union, Mrs. J. H. Everett, leader.

Tishomingo Chapel, Alcorn Association, Junior Union, Mrs. E. E. McNeill, leader. Intermediate Union, Mr. Levi Ayers, leader. Young People's Union, Charles Neill, president.

Parkway Church, Hinds Association. "Fellowship" Adult Union, Mr. C. A. Smith, president; "Workers" Adult Union, H. H. Palmer, president; "Friendship" Adult Union, George Anderson, president; "Steward" Union of Adult Dept. No. 3, Miss Carolyn Madison, president; Adult Dept. No. 3 was standard. Mr. V. A. Clarkson is dept. director. "Loyalty" Young People's Union, Carter Burnside, president; "Conquerors" Intermediate Union, Mrs. Jesse E. Griffin, leader; Beginner Department No. 1, Mrs. Roger B. Johnson, leader; Beginner Department No. III, Mrs. W. J. Allen, leader; Primary Department No. 4, Mrs. Milton Allen, leader; Primary Department No. 5, Mrs. W. H. Britt, leader.

East McComb Church, Pike Association. "Friendship" Adult Union, Mr. D. V. Fenn, president; "Fellowship No. 1" Adult Union, R. M. Wilson, president; "Fellow-

ship No. 2" Adult Union, Mrs. Ada Barron, president; "Volunteers" Adult Union, Mrs. Sheblon Cotten, president. This Adult Department was standard. Mrs. Ray Andrews is department director. The "Edwards" Young Peoples Union, Miss Betty Stoval, president and Mr. Edwin Etheridge, counselor.

Edon Church, Jasper Association. Intermediate Union, Mrs. W. G. Kelly, leader.

Mountain Creek Church, Rankin Association. Intermediate Union, Mrs. T. W. Barron, Jr., leader. **East McComb Standard**

The Training Union of East McComb Church, Pike Association was standard for the second quarter of this year. Mr. Joe McCullough is Training Union Director. **Parkway Standard**

The Training Union of Parkway Church, Hinds Association was standard for the second quarter of this year. Mr. W. Earl Clark is Training Union Director. **Parkway Standard**

Ninety-three members of Oakland Heights Training Union of Lauderdale Association met recently under the directorship of Cecil Mulloy to enjoy their annual Training Union banquet. This banquet climaxed a week of Training Union study courses. The leaders of the study courses were as follows: Juniors, Mrs. L. N. Keeton; Intermediates, Mrs. Cecil Mulloy; Young People; Miss Eugene Banks; Adults, Mrs. H. L. Randal.

A stirring evangelistic message was brought by Rev. Elton Moore, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Mississippi "75" Club
Parkway (Hinds) 443
Jackson, First 381
Daniel Memorial 261
Harrisburg Church (Lee) 187
East McComb (Pike) 168
Oxford, First 100
Concord (Choctaw) 99
Shiloh (Lawrence) 88
McComb, Friendship 86
Hernando (De Soto) 85
Emmanuel (Grenada) 82
Goss 81

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Blue Springs Advances

The Blue Springs Church in Union County has shown considerable advance in the last eight months. Fourteen have been added to the church roll, 7 by baptism.

They now have preaching services twice rather than once a month. Mid-week prayer service is held with good attendance. Sunday School attendance has more than doubled. A Training Union has been organized.

The Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record has been adopted. A large per cent of the membership are now tithers.

Rev. Daniel McGregor, graduate of Clarke Memorial College, is pastor.

Revival Time Is Upon Us

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS
Director of Evangelism

During the summer season hundreds of our churches in Mississippi are conducting their annual revival meetings.

This makes it a very important time for all of us. It is a time of heartsearching and of prayer. It is a time of rededication to the will and the work of the Lord. It is a time of hard work, much visitation and witnessing for Christ. Preaching, praying visiting and many other activities are engaged in during the actual days of the revivals. These are God's ways in mass evangelism.

However we can look back to the day of Pentecost and see that a day of preparation preceded the great power that was upon all the apostles as they gave their witness on the day of Pentecost. Prepare for the revival by following the example in the Word of God, the entire church praying unceasingly in the interim immediately preceding the opening of the revival.

In these busy days, it is necessary also to know who the people are and where they are. Therefore an outside or an inside census should be taken before the meeting begins. In fact the census should precede the revival by about six weeks. If it has not been done, take the census immediately before the revival. A list of prospects should be put in the hands of those in the church who will go visiting during the revival. It is fine to have a group of revival visitors dedicate themselves before the revival begins to work constantly during the days which the revival is on. In this way, people can be contacted and invited. In this way, prayers can be held in homes and wherever people are contacted for Christ.

Revival time is prayer time.

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JOINS SBTS STAFF



LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Badgett Dillard, former minister of education at the First Church, Gainesville, Ga., has been named Director of Publicity for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In his new position, Mr. Dillard will become editor of *The Tie*, official news publication of the Seminary. In addition, he will prepare news releases concerning the work of the school and of the activities of the faculty and students.

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JOHN COMPERE



JAMES TADLOCK

Messrs. John Compere, left of Jackson, and James Tadlock, Forest, both students at Miss. College, are among the fine song leaders who have qualified with our Department for Youth-led Revivals this summer. Both are highly recommended and well prepared for the work. Let's keep them busy, Miss. Baptist Churches.

Among those recently scheduling Youth-led Revivals are First, Charleston; Calvary, Smithdale; First, Gulfport; Second, Leland; Bassfield; Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg; First, Starkville; Moorhead, and First, Calhoun City. We're praying for many other meetings.

MISCELLANEA

College Pastors, Faculty Advisers, Student Secretaries, BSU Presidents and the State BSU Council are urged to be present at State Pre-School Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Aug. 1-2. Registration fees (\$1.00 each) due in this office not later than July 30th.

Sixty-one Mississippians made public decisions during Student Retreat, Ridgecrest, last month.

Jean Faulkner, BSU Sec'y for Holmes Jr., has recently become Mrs. Marvin Bond. Congratulations and best wishes.

Thirty-four from Miss. have thus far registered for Student Week at Glorieta. How about some of you College pastors joining the group?

We need about \$100 to complete the Student Summer Missions campaign. Seven BSU's haven't contributed as groups.

Dick Baker, Ft. Worth, is to lead '53 Convention music.

Billy Graham Joins First Church, Dallas

DALLAS — (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham joined the First Baptist Church of Dallas the last Sunday morning in June, according to an Associated Press article released here.

"With a dozen others he walked down the aisle during the services and shook hands with Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, formally placing his membership letter here. The men embraced, and overcome by emotion, it was several minutes before Dr. Criswell could regain composure enough to speak. Both wept openly.

"Graham said his family lives in Montreat, N. C., but there is no Baptist church there. Son of a Presbyterian minister, Graham became a Baptist while in college in Florida. Mrs. Graham, whose father also is a Presbyterian minister, remains at Montreat to be near her parents while his work takes the evangelist from city to city.

"Graham said he passes through Dallas frequently and decided to make the First Baptist Church there his home church. He has been conducting an outdoor evangelistic crusade in Dallas for the last month."

ART ERVIN PEDEN

Art Ervin Peden, age 64, died at Carrollton, Alabama, November 23, 1952. He was a member of the Baptist church, a deacon, and served as clerk of Hebron Church, Pheba, Mississippi.

Art was a native of Pickens County, Alabama. He moved to Cedar Bluff, Mississippi when a young man, where his father the Reverend W. P. Peden served as pastor of churches.

Art leaves three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Mills, Mrs. Florence Shelton, and Mrs. Hollie Hearn and a number of nieces and nephews.

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WEEK-END Y. W. A. CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT CAMP GARAYWA



MISS ROSA LEE FRANKS
Home Mission Speaker

July 10-12 will find countless young women gathered at Camp Garaywa for a mission-filled week-end! This is a state-wide Y. W. A. Conference for all young women between the ages of 16 and 25. There are no attendance requirements, but a young woman should have an interest in MISSIONS to enjoy the activities to the fullest.

Miss Rosa Lee Franks, Italian Home Board Missionary at the Good Will Center in Miami, Florida, will bring the missionary address on Saturday morning. She has attended New Orleans Baptist Seminary, worked two summers as a Student Missionary, and has been working in Miami since 1949. She will remain at Camp Garaywa for the first Intermediate G. A. camp, July 13-18.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' AUXILIARY CAMPS BEGIN AT CAMP GARAYWA



Two weeks are scheduled for Intermediate girls at Camp Garaywa. They are: July 13-18; and July 20-25. All Intermediate G. A.'s who qualify (see camp poster) should make plans to attend one of these weeks. A wonderful program of missions, recreation, and Christian fellowship has been planned for the entire week.

Special Features of Intermediate Camp:

Coronation Service, for all girls who desire to participate. A Camp Reviewing Council will hear the work; all who are qualified are urged to take part.

Camp picnic, a real highlight of camp, will be enjoyed by all again this year!

Camp Committees, a new feature of camp, will give the girls

an opportunity to share in the responsibility of making camp what they want it.

Queens' Banquet, a lovely affair scheduled for Friday night, will honor All campers who have attained the Step of Queen or above. (Check with G. A. Counselor about what to bring to camp for this banquet.)

Missionaries, nationals, state leaders, college counselors, camp staffers . . . all of these will be present to make your week at Camp Garaywa a rich and meaningful experience.

Register Now . . . Spaces are filling daily!

"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD" MRS. NED RICE

This is the time of year that our thoughts are focused on Camp Garaywa. We love the camping season. We realize that it means so much to our boys and girls. We love too the group meetings held there and appreciate their value.

We have been suffering with "growing pains" at our Camp. We have reached the point where we must enlarge and expand or lose much of our coveted gain.

The immediate and pressing need is more building space. The dining room is entirely too small and is more than comfortably crowded on some occasions. In fact at the meeting of the Officers Clinic last October quite a number had to be served in the lobby of the administration building. The time has come, and we

are well aware of the fact, that we must have more room. We need more class room space. We need desperately a place for supplies and materials for hand-craft and a place for general storage. We need greatly, adequate space for indoor recreation during rainy days. These needs can be cared for by erecting a building to the

South of the present dining room-kitchen building, the same size of that building, and it can be connected with the present building by a breezeway porch. The new building can give the "breathing room" we need right now — and must have.

Plans are in the offing. A blue print has been drafted. The building is now under construction. Our women will be pleased with the plan. We must think now of the best way to finance this building. We do not believe it will be necessary to "go afield" for funds but — pull up on present plans and go beyond our goals.

How we love Garaywa! We love to give to the maintenance and expansion. We love to think in terms of making the Camp adequate in space and necessary equipment. The maintenance, improvement and expansion of Camp



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School Group at Holly Springs. Dr. Earl Kelly is the pastor.

Czech Court Sentences Four Baptist Leaders

LONDON —(RNS)— A Communist court at Pardubice in eastern Bohemia has sentenced four Czechoslovak Baptist leaders to prison terms ranging from five to 18 years for "espionage and sabotage," the Prague radio reported.

The four were identified as Dr Jindrich Prochazka, former head of the Baptist training college at Prague, who was sentenced to 12 years; Jan Ricar, Baptist Brotherly Union chairman for Czechoslovakia, 18 years; Michel Kejsar, Slovakia chairman of the Union, five years, and Cyril Burget, secretary of the Baptist Church in Prague, seven years.

All were stripped of their rights as citizens and their property was confiscated, the broadcast said.

"They were aided extensively by the American government and received funds for this activity from American capitalists, especially the Rockfeller Fund," the station said. "In addition, all were charged with sending slanderous articles to Baptist magazines published in the U. S. A.

meet this challenge. It will mean continued growth and even more effective service.

As we "think on these things" the story comes to us of a building program given for our inspiration in the Book of Nehemiah. Stop and refresh yourself with this stimulating story.

In the Second chapter, the 18th verse we find the people responding to the call of the great Wall Builder with these words: "Let us rise up and build" . . . "so they strengthened their hands for this good work".

It took faith on the part of Nehemiah and those interested Jews to undertake such a task but when they realized what it would mean, they matched their faith with "works". Someone has said, "Faith and Works are as necessary to our spiritual life as Christians, as soul and body are to mortal man; for faith is the soul of Christianity and works is the body". We saw this statement recently "All the strength and force of man comes from his faith in things unseen. He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak; Strong convictions precede great actions".

We have the strong conviction of the great NEED before us, we believe this will precede great action. "Let us rise up and build" to the glory of our Father and his work here in our State.

AS THE PASTOR SEES THE BEER CAMPAIGN

Although only a few days on the field at Holly Springs, Dr. Earl Kelly lost no time in putting himself on record regarding the sale of beer. It seems that a beer campaign is on in Holly Springs. Below is printed Dr. Kelly's article in a recent issue of "The Holly Springs Baptist":

The people who are pushing our present beer campaign in our city are saying "Every man has a right to his opinion, and the minority opinion alone has been expressed in keeping our city dry." This right to an opinion is a choice between drunkenness and sobriety. The four were identified as Dr Jindrich Prochazka, former head of the Baptist training college at Prague, who was sentenced to 12 years; Jan Ricar, Baptist Brotherly Union chairman for Czechoslovakia, 18 years; Michel Kejsar, Slovakia chairman of the Union, five years, and Cyril Burget, secretary of the Baptist Church in Prague, seven years.

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a dethroner of reason, a blight and curse to mankind. The editor of a western paper was right when he warned, after a drunken driver had run down two children, "Mothers, get your child off the streets, the man of distinction is driving."

Not one glorified beer ad has ever printed the truth that the brand boosted contains by pharmacological classification a narcotic, and by chemical classification a poison. Such is beer.

Yes, every man does have a right to his opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts.

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With the Baptist growth near the highest of any religious body in the United States, it is reasonable to suppose that on the basis of their total "adult", baptized membership the Baptists may be set down for a total population approximating thirty million in the United States. As is well known, the Baptists do not include infants in their statistics, nor members of their families who are not actually members of their churches, nor related members of the community who either worship in Baptist churches, or prefer those churches. By actual tests in a given state it can be shown that Baptist population figures on the wider basis, as followed by the Roman Catholics, give the Baptist population as twice the number on their rolls, which stands above seventeen million members.

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The church library is more and more becoming the focal point in our program of Christian education.

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The Church Library Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Miss Florida Waite, secretary, is this year conducting two schools for church librarians. Well trained faculties will direct the work of both schools, which will be as follows:

July 13-19 Glorieta, New Mexico
August 19-24 Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

It will be money wisely spent to see to it that your church librarian gets to attend one of these conferences. Also, members of the library committee will profit by attending one of them.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND ADULT SIMPLIFIED ORGANIZATION

One of the finest changes that has been made in many months is that soon to go into operation in organization of Young People's and Adult classes.

We are so delighted with it, and we believe our people generally will be also. It is a simplified plan of class organization that has been so much needed for a long time.

It has been our observation and experience that but very few classes followed the plan we have had of having from two to four vice presidents, and the few that did elect all of them did not use them as suggested, except in most rare instances.

Under the new plan there will be only one vice president, but there will be more group leaders, and their service will be dignified and magnified.

Also, the duties of all the officers (including the class standard and how to organize the class) are given in one leaflet instead of nine leaflets as heretofore.

The name of the leaflet for the Young People's classes is, "Young People Will Serve." That of the Adult classes is, "The Adult Bible Class at Work." The work of the teacher is in a separate leaflet, as before.

So, leaders of Young People's and Adult classes, get the new leaflets and begin to get set under the new plan of class organization, much more simplified, and with great possibilities.

For the time being, this point on the class standard can be claimed by meeting the requirement with either the old or new organization.

THE NEW PREVIEW STUDIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The preview study leaflets for the quarter, July-August-September are here and may be had on request.

The study of these leaflets can be had on request.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Church	Enrollment	Offering
Carmel (Lauderdale)	73	\$13.00
Daniel Memorial, Jackson	659	179.80
Riverside	84	7.23
Oxford First	259	48.21
Ocean Springs First	176	39.14
County Line (Jones)	118	7.65
Starkville First	321	53.34
Biloxi First	202	48.44
East Moss Point	143	41.20
CCruger	51	15.96
South Columbia Mission	132	27.60
Cranfield (Union)	90	8.20
Sand Hill (Greene)	40	3.00
Handsboro	160	25.31
Jackson Calvary	482	129.54
Oak Kill (Prentiss)	37	4.66
Adaton (Oktibbeha)	63	18.25
Sovenlovie (Clarke)	56	7.78
Hattiesburg First	274	29.79
Long Creek (Lauderdale)	104	13.12
Amory	239	75.43
Obole (Lamar)	87	10.20
Ramah (Franklin)	83	22.66
Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha)	92	10.47
Corinth South Mission	50	3.44
West Heights	124	17.48
Pecan Grove (Jones Assoc.)	71	4.28
Little Bahala (Lincoln Assoc.)	47	11.36
New Zion (Walthall Assoc.)	156	22.40
New Zion (Miss. Assoc.)	48	10.00
New Palestine (Pearl River Assoc.)	175	29.25
Poplarville First	114	15.41
Booneville	133	16.05
Ted (Smith Assoc.)	37	6.15
Ashland	68	15.04
Cary	63	8.88
Double Springs (Oktibbeha)	65	...
New Ireland (Newton)	62	12.07
New Montpelier (Clay)	78	12.80
Liberty (Lauderdale)	44	6.83
Bethel (Rankin)	51	7.54
Pelahatchie	116	38.73
Calhoun City First	209	65.51
Little Zion Travelers (Negro)	30	2.71
West Gulfport	68	20.26
Priceville (Lee)	55	7.42
Clear Branch (Rankin)	54	12.69
Barton (George)	81	4.29
Corinth Tate St.	203	39.01
Houston First	164	39.49
Blaine	66	...
Longview	80	17.00
Tutwiler	85	15.93
Daniel Memorial (Jackson)	655	179.80
Holly Springs	179	...
Irene Chapel, Hattiesburg	76	10.00
Central, Coldwater	95	18.22
Hebron (Jones)	85	8.48
Eastabuchie	44	10.00
Cranfield	90	8.20
Ruth	87	8.37

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James Williams Ordained

Rev. James Williams of Unity Church, Pascagoula, was ordained to the gospel ministry Saturday night, July 4, at the Friendship Church in Kreole.

Rev. Pete Steelman, pastor, delivered the sermon. Others participating were Rev. Ernest Steelman and Rev. Coody Goff.

To Be At Hickory Grove



50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

40 YEARS AGO

Delta Evangelist W. R. Cooper was with Pastor M. C. Vick in their meeting at Shaw. There were 10 additions, six for baptism.

The Pascagoula Church closed a successful meeting with twenty-five accessions. Rev. H. R. Holcomb assisted Pastor W. D. Mathis.

25 YEARS AGO

There were 23 added to the New Hebron Church during a revival meeting in which Pastor B. E. Phillips was assisted by Rev. B. H. Lovelace of Clinton.

The Pelahatchie Church closed a meeting in which twenty-five were added to the membership, ten for baptism. Pastor W. L. Meadows was aided by Rev. C. T. Johnston.

Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour broadcast on Sunday, July 12. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

Stations in Mississippi carrying the broadcast will be:

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WDOB, Canton, 5 p. m.; WGLC, Centreville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville, WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p. m.

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Sunday School Lesson

ured by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
For July 12

PATTERN OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

Bible Texts: Rom. 6: 1-14; 12.

I. THE TASK GIGANTIC

Our lesson today is based upon portions of what is regarded as the greatest of all the epistles of Paul. I recall that great old Dr. Venable used to cite as a clincher in his contention against the Pauline authorship of Hebrews that the author of Hebrews mixed doctrinal teaching with exhortation and that Paul never did that, but always set forth the doctrinal teaching first, and, having done that, proceeded to exhort his readers in the second division. This Paul certainly did in a number of his epistles.

The Epistle to the Ephesians is a notable example of this style. Somewhere in my library I have a book entitled, "God's Masterpiece", in which the author masterfully writes of only the first three chapters of Ephesians, wherein are set forth the great doctrines of our high calling in Christ and our membership in the body of Christ.

After the same fashion, it has been said times without number that the Roman epistle is divided roughly into eight chapters of doctrine, three chapters, 9-11, parenthetical, and four chapters, 12-16, practical. I have written into this column before, Dr. W. R. Cooper's story of the leader in the prayer meeting in the church which was working through Romans, who began to say that those who were studying the epistle had now come to the easy part. They had found much to cause discussion in the first eleven chapters, but they have happily gone through the doctrinal portions and had now come to the portion that all could understand.

When he was invited to speak, Dr. Cooper said, "We have now come to the hardest portion of this epistle. All that went before, we have only to believe, but that with which we now have to concern ourselves requires us to do, and it is always far more difficult to do than it is to believe".

You can now see the reason I have headed this division, "The Task Gigantic". Herein we are required to do, to observe, to practice, to put into everyday living the duties deduced from the doctrinal principles set forth in the doctrinal division of the epistle.

II. SOLEMNITY OF THE CHRISTIAN CALLING

The Christian calling embraces all other worthwhile callings. I have been somewhat of a joiner in my day, though I have developed, or, perhaps, into a very poor "attender". I have joined a number of oath-bound, secret organizations, the membership of which pledge themselves to these and those duties; but I have come to note that the members most likely

to make good their pledges to do what good men ought are those who have previously crowned Jesus Lord of All.

It is not an oath taken before the sacred altar of any lodge that can hold men true to the principles of the best life. It is the new life within, the dynamic of the indwelling Spirit of the living God, the new life in Christ Jesus, the gladness of obedience to the will of the Lord of life that gives power to do the things that the Lord commands.

And these commands are not to be treated lightly. They demand of those whom the Lord has called an utter devotion demanded by no other authority anywhere else on the earth, in the heavens above or in the waters under the earth.

The young physician takes the ancient oath of Hypocrates; even so, what then has the young doctor done but pledge himself to do in his professional line what Jesus demands of him in any walk of life he may choose to tread? So of any task or conduct any one may choose to follow: the Lord demands that the way be pursued as a walk with Him and for Him.

The Christian life is a solemn vocation. There is no time in it for trifling. "But one must have recreation!" Granted, with all my heart! And I am sure as I can be of anything that the good Lord delights to see His children, His beloved children, who are also His willing servants, engaging in activities which will restore their strength for the more difficult work their vocation as Christians requires of them.

I write these words more than a thousand miles from home, while on vacation and engaged in recreation. "Ah, Ha! And how often have you attended the vaudeville?" Not at all! To watch some shapely ballerina or near-nude dancer strive to kick the moon out of the sky when I know the poor woman can't do it furnishes rather poor entertainment for me, but rather would I listen to some grand oratorio or worship toward the Lord Most High, loll with old Socrates beneath the borrowed shade of a tree and listen while talks of the God whom he believed was coming to show us how to live. To read and write, to walk and talk with the wise of earth, to store up strength for hard labor by any decent means, of such recreation I am sure my Lord would not disapprove.

III. The Method

The dedication of the entire body. By all that God has done for you, dedicate to His service your living bodies that those bodies may perform His holy will. It is only by doing this that you shall come to know the requirements of His perfect, good, and acceptable will.

Forbid the world to direct your thought, the habit of your life, the fashion of your conduct.

Let a renewed mind lead you in the Christian way, and be sure that this will appear to the world an odd way. Know that the Christian way will always be a different way. That is what you are for, to show the world a different way.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School of the Longview Church, Rev. C. E. Snowden, pastor. The faculty is shown on the back row. They are, left to right: Mrs. Robert Crowe, Mrs. Lamar Whatley, Mrs. Carol Heflin, Mrs. V. M. Thompson, Mrs. Gregory Thompson, Rev. C. E. Snowden, and Miss Maude Alice Yates.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:
Julian H. Pentecost, West End, Suffolk, Virginia, from Wallburg, North Carolina.

William C. Corley, Rockmart, Georgia, from Sparta, Georgia.
Seibert H. Haley, First, Morphlet, Arkansas, from Waurika, Oklahoma.
C. Norman Shands, West End, Atlanta, Georgia, from President, Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina.

Law M. Mobley, First, Washington, Georgia, from Calvary, Columbia, South Carolina.

Ishem E. Inlow, Superintendent of Missions, South, Florida, from Hopewell, Plant City, Florida.

Claude N. Campbell, Mount Lebanon, South Carolina, from Lake City, South Carolina.

A. D. Mayfield, Fairacres, New Mexico, from Plainview, Texas.
Beecher Shrum, Purdin, Missouri.

C. Thurston Healer, Beverly Hills, Independence, Missouri, from Southwestern Seminary.

William H. Herriford, Maysville, Missouri, from Southern Seminary.

William W. Taylor, Chaplaincy, from First, Lethrop, Missouri.

Dan L. Stribble, Alta Vista, Pasadena, Texas, from Addison, Texas.

L. B. Reavis, First, Denton, Texas, from Green Street, High Point, North Carolina.

Preston M. Denton, Pasfield, Illinois, from Samnerwood, Texas.

George P. White, retires after 62 years as minister, now lives at Union, South Carolina. Retired from Jonesville, South Carolina—was once pastor at Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

James L. Pletz, Bentonville, Arkansas.

L. T. Fagan, Clewiston, Florida, from Arcadia, Florida.

Henry K. Neal, Ruth, Mississippi, from Chesbrough Church, Kentwood, Louisiana.

Samuel G. Shepherd, Caruthersville, Kentucky, from Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Earnest Rockwell, Judson Church, Escambia Association, Alabama.

J. E. Nix, Monclova Church, near Waterproof, Louisiana.

E. C. Adcock, Glen Allen, Mississippi, from Van Avenue, Basset, Louisiana.

Billy Bond, First, Pearrell, Texas.

Harry Clifton, First, Princeton, Missouri, from Spickard, Missouri.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

July 13 — Rev. Lee Gallman, Seminary Extension Department; Intermediate G. A. Camp, Camp Garaywa; Mrs. Lee Ferrell, Relief House Mother, Baptist Orphanage.

July 14 — Rev. M. D. Morton, Associational Chairman of Evangelism, Copiah County; Anne Ballay, Student Secretary, Jones Junior College.

July 15 — J. A. Johnston, Jefferson Davis Associational Sunday School Supt.; Dot Brown, Ole Miss., State BSU Devotional chairman.

July 16 — Miss Willie D. Hearst, Woman's College Faculty; Miss Sarah Chapman, House Mother, Baptist Orphanage.

July 17 — Rev. Louie Farmer, Clarke College Faculty; Shelby Price, Jones Associational Brotherhood President.

July 18 — Dr. Helen A. Shaw, Blue Mountain Faculty; Rev. E. L. Douglas, Mississippi College Faculty.

July 19 — W. R. Prince, Supt. of Tippah Associational Missions; Jewell Windham, Pontotoc Associational Training Union Director.



REV. WILLIAM G. WINSTEAD

Shown above is Rev. William G. Winstead who will lead a revival meeting at Laurel Hill Church in Neshoba County beginning July 12. A native of Neshoba county, Mr. Winstead is now pastor of First Church, Hastings, Nebraska. The pastor of Laurel Hill Church is Rev. C. C. Cornelius.

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Books to be used in the Schools of Stewardship Oct. 18-25 will not be available until Aug. 15 but should be ordered now.

Orders will be accepted at the Baptist Bookstore now and filed, to be filled on the date specified on the order.

This request for early ordering is being made so the Sunday School Board, which is preparing the books, will have some idea how many to print.

The books can be ordered later but an early order will be helpful to all concerned.

The books are the same price as all regular study course books. The list is given below:

Adults, "Found Faithful"; Young People, "Good Stewards"; Intermediates, "Partners With God"; Juniors, "The Talking Penny," and Primaries, "Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams."

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Widows Plan Can Be Joined Now Without Penalty

With applications for the Ministers' Retirement Plan and the Widows' Supplemental Annuity Plan being received every day attention is being called to the wonderful opportunity available now for those joining the Widows' Plan.

Those eligible may join this Plan now without penalty caused by delayed participation.

This penalty has been waived for those who will act at once. All applications must be dated July 1 and dues paid as of that date.

Sept. 30 is the last day on which applications can be received in the state office.

The Ministers' Retirement Plan can be joined, however, at any time.

Get your application in now as many others are doing.

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Southside Plans For '54

Southside Church, Columbus, believes in doing things NOW. Already plans are being made to have a share in the Sunday School campaign to reach "A Million More in '54".

And they are also planning to do their part not only in '54 but in '53.

The church has already begun to make plans for the '54 advance for a footing has been poured for an additional building which will help add the sufficient number of classes needed for the goal set for '54.

The new building is scheduled for two stories with young people's department and beginner and primary departments on the first floor and junior and intermediate departments on the second floor. It will add twenty-four more rooms counting the assembly rooms which are greatly needed already.

Rev. Boyd Armstrong is pastor and Glen Lollar is the associate Sunday School supt.



REV. JAMES FANCHER

Shown above is Rev. James Fancher who recently graduated at the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California. He was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He is a native of Louisville and a graduate of Mississippi College. He now serves as pastor at Portola, California.

Sen. Carlson To Head Baptist Fund Drive

NEW YORK —(RNS) — Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas will be general chairman of a national campaign to raise \$8,350,000 for the building of 300 new American Baptist churches. (Formerly Northern Baptist).

Dr. Theron M. Chastain, executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, said Sen. Carlson will head a laymen's campaign organization of about 7,500 persons. Dr. Chastain is administrative committee chairman for the drive.

He said surveys indicate a pressing need for new churches in 34 states where the denomination has its constituency.

"More than half the population of the United States is not affiliated with any church, millions simply because there is no church in their immediate community," he said.

Senator Carlson is a leading Baptist layman. He will be assisted in directing the campaign by five Baptist laymen who will serve as area chairmen. Area offices will be in Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Denver and San Francisco. National headquarters will be in New York.



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, is shown signing a check for \$10,000 which has been appropriated by the Baptist Sunday School Board for the establishment of a Department of Rural Church Development at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. This is the first program of its kind to be started at any of the five Southern Baptist seminaries. Shown with Dr. Holcomb are (left to right): J. O. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.; Harold E. Ingraham, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Holcomb; and S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, Ga.—Baptist Press.

Revolution In Christian Missions Produces Different Type Of Task

GLORIETA, N. M.—"Most Christians have been sleeping through a revolution which has marked the end of white supremacy," Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, professor of missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., told the Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta in an interpretative address on the Foreign Mission Board's study theme for the year, "The Eyes of the World Are Upon You."

"The age of imperialism, colonialism, and white supremacy is done with," he said, as he called on Southern Baptists to bring their thinking about world missions up-to-date. "In the field of Christian missions there has been a revolution of similar type."

Dr. Goerner said there are many aspects of this revolution in the missionary enterprise. The principal feature is the bringing into being of independent, self-supporting churches, associations, and conventions under the leadership of national pastors and national laymen, he said.

"The national Christian leadership is the very product of our work. The very aim of missions always is to bring into existence independent churches. The task of the missionary is to work himself out of a job. He prepares others to take over his task, thus making his own task dispensable."

These changes have produced a different type of missionary task, according to Dr. Goerner. He called attention to a change in mission terminology within recent years. As an example, he mentioned the word "native" which has come to have the wrong connotation when used to speak of people of mission lands. It has been replaced by "national" which does not indicate a con-

descending attitude.

Instead of "mission field" the missionary often says the "land of younger churches." Dr. Goerner has visited most of the 32 countries of the world where Southern Baptists have work, and he said as a rule the national pastors have achieved an education and a polish on an equal with pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In lands where the missionary undertaking is as much as 50 years old, Dr. Goerner said it is unusual to find an American missionary serving as pastor of a church. In most areas nationals are serving as presidents of the Baptist conventions. Some conventions have their own home and foreign mission boards and are supporting missionaries of their own. Thus, they are taking over the task of evangelizing their own countries.

Dr. Goerner said mission boards must increasingly recognize the presence of this national leadership and take into account what they want the missionary to do as he works alongside them. "We must recognize that these nationals have something to offer us as well as our having something to offer them," he said. "More and more, Christian missions is going to be a two-way street."

"But we must not jump to the conclusion that we have come to the end of our task. It is not less, but more missionaries that we need. We have reached only a fraction of the population."

"Christian missions is a success. This is proven by the national churches and their leadership. But we must work along with these nationals as they finish the task. We have only established the beachhead."

Southern Baptist Hospitals' Ministry Increased In 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP) — Southern Baptists' twenty-six hospitals treated a total of 257,211 patients in 1952 according to J. P. Edmunds, secretary of Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. This is an increase of 12,731 patients over 1951. Total property value of the hospitals is \$66,991,522 with an indebtedness of \$13,953,275.

Baptist hospitals are located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Texas leads all the states with a total of six, Oklahoma is second with five, Louisiana third with four, and Tennessee follows with three.

Two thousand five hundred and two nurses were in training in twenty of the hospitals last year, and 1,788 were graduated.

In 1952, 28,319 charity patients were treated and \$2,291,576 was spent in caring for these.

A total of 43,130 babies were born in the hospitals.

Bishop Bo Giertz of Gothenburg, Sweden (Lutheran) thinks he has discovered the reason why we have better church members in America. Religious News Service quotes him as saying in an address at Minneapolis: "Apparently the Free Church system gives the American layman greater interest and responsibility in his church." The State Church system, on the other hand, he pointed out, is more likely to make the layman believe everything is going on pretty well without his help and contributions. The bishop said he had the impression that America's churches do a better job of ministering to people in the cities than do comparable churches in Sweden. He said that Dallas and St. Louis—cities about the same size as Gothenburg—each have about eight times as many churches as his city.

CHURCH AND STATE, the review published here by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), has several pictures in its June issue illustrating the manner in which the organization has grown since it opened its first office with "a borrowed typewriter, a second-hand desk, and a bare room" here five years ago, and now has comfortable quarters in a building of its own. The publication states that there now are POAU members in every state in the union and subscribers to its publication in 17 foreign countries.

It's no longer news — religious books on the "best seller" list. Today, the sale of books, like the press, radio, television and magazines, reflect the insatiable hunger for spiritual nourishment. It is not many years since editors gave a short shift to most of the religious manuscripts submitted to book publishing houses. Coincident with the phenomenal sale of Rabbi Joshua Liebman's "Peace of Mind" and Russell Janney's "The Miracle of the Bells"—both religious books—in 1947, publishers awoke to the fact that a revival of religious interest was gaining momentum. The result has been that virtually every large publishing house in the country is in search of religious fiction and non-fiction. In both categories religious books are represented on the "best seller" reports compiled from the reports of bookstores all over the country. Currently leading the fiction list as it has for many weeks is "The Silver Chalice" by Thomas B. Costain, but even more notable is the dominance of the non-fiction best seller list. Of the top five, three are religious books—Norman Vincent Peale's "The Power of Positive Thinking"; Edward R. Murrow's "This I Believe" and the "Revised Standard Version of the Bible."

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